



BACK TO THE CLASSICS - SAMSON

Judges 13:5 NLT

You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and his hair must never be cut. For he will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines.”

1. Born For A Purpose – **Calling**

- A. **Nazarite** vow
- B. Rescue Israel from the Philistines

Judges 14:14 NLT

“Out of the one who eats came something to eat; out of the strong came something sweet.”

2. His Own Desires Redirected His Path – **Wandering**

- A. Failure
 - i. Violation of the **vow**
 - ii. Looking for love in all the wrong places
 - iii. Uncontrolled temper
- B. Arrogance
 - i. Ignoring council/not seeking council
 - ii. **Self-gratification**
- C. Ignorance
 - i. Didn't build an army of a city; he was a **lone wolf**
 - ii. What was the secret to his strength?
 - iii. Where do you learn morals?

Judges 16:22 NLT

But before long, his hair began to grow back.

- Prays: sovereign Lord, remember me again.

3. The Redemption Of A Purpose – **Restoration**

- A. He did rescue Israel
- B. Listed in the faith hall of fame of Hebrews 11

4. Lessons From Samson

- A. The Spirit of God in you will leave people saying: **how?**
- B. Redemption of the Lord is taking what you discarded and making it valuable again